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SUSTAINABLE PLURALISM: LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL RESILIENCE IN MULTIETHNIC SOCIETIES



From Thursday, September 04, 2014

To Saturday, September 06, 2014

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Turning away from policy discourses of preservation, protection, and heritage, we look at the grassroots strategies by which minority languages and cultural practices are sustained in plural societies. Weak actors defend themselves and pursue their goals through the arts of accommodation, avoidance, and nichemaking. But cultural flourishing is not identical with human flourishing. How do the two intersect and diverge over time? Our international case studies come from Tibet, New Orleans, Mongolia, the Philippines, Greenland, Jewish Krakow, Russian Alaska, indigenous Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, the Lake Michigan Potawatomi, the Senegambian borderland, western China, and beyond.

Keynote speakers Lenore Grenoble (University of Chicago), Camiel Hamans (European Union), and Salikoko Mufwene (University of Chicago) will offer us views on the question from the Arctic, Brussels, and subsaharan Africa. Your colleagues and students from the Departments of Comparative Studies, East Asian Languages and Literatures, Geography, Linguistics, and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures will also present their field studies.

For more information about this conference including a full list of speakers and program, please see the Center for Folklore Studies [event webpage](#).

Organized by the *Mershon Research Network in Cultural Resilience*, a collaboration of the *Center for Folklore Studies*, *Department of Linguistics*, *Department of Comparative Studies*, and *Mershon Center for International Security Studies*. For further information, contact network co-conveners Dorothy Noyes at noyes.10@osu.edu or Brian Joseph at joseph.1@osu.edu.

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